

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 1486

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, EAIR, AO

SUBJECT: RELEASE BY ANGOLANS OF U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT AND  
PILOT

REF: STATE 014250

1. WE INFORMED MFA (RACHELE) JAN. 25 OF PROBABILITY  
THAT CHECK BEING HELD BY AMBASSADOR VECCHI WILL NOT  
CLEAR. REACHELE WILL FIND OUT WHETHER VECCHI HAS TRIED  
TO CASH IT YET AND HOW HE WOULD WANT TO BE REIMBURSED  
FOR BAD CHECK (HIS CHECK WAS DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF  
ITALIAN EMBASSY LUANDA). MFA UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
BASIS FOR FINE WAS PILOT'S OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLAN  
TERRITORY WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION.

2. RACHELE HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT PLANE'S INTER-  
CEPTION. HE QUESTIONED VERACITY OF PILOT'S ACCOUNT OF  
WHOLE INCIDENT AND THOUGHT THAT PILOT AND PLANE'S  
OWNER SHOULD BOTH BE SATISFIED THAT PROBLEM WAS  
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RESOLVED AS EASILY AS IT WAS. HE WAS  
NOT ANXIOUS TO REQUEST ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LUANDA TO  
ASK ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES FOR MORE INFORMAION ABOUT  
INCIDENT AND FELT IT WAS BETTER TO TREAT AFFAIR AS  
CLOSED CASE. AS TO DANGER TO U.S. REGISTERED AIR-  
CRAFT FLYING NEAR ANGOLA, RACHELE THOUGHT THAT IF  
ANGOLAN PROCEDURES ARE COMPLIED WITH, SUCH INCIDENTS

AS THIS ONE NOT LIKELY TO BE REPEATED.GARDNER

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